

Tip #4 – Watching Video With an Internet Connection

You may have heard the expression, “Over the Top,” used to describe watching video and TV by using an internet connection. In some cases, that is done by using a web browser to connect to a video source, such as a website that features clips, videos, or entire shows. Other examples include applications (also called “apps”) or hardware devices that use an internet connection to provide video programs. These hardware devices access the internet through a wired or wireless connection.

In other words, Over the Top means viewing video programs through a computer or television connected directly to the internet, instead of through a cable or satellite subscription. Over the Top entertainment is sometimes also called, “streaming.” With Firefly Fiber Broadband’s lightning fast internet speeds, streaming your favorite shows, movies, and events has never been easier. Just imagine on-demand entertainment whenever you want within your home. Best of all, most paid streaming services allow viewers to have commercial free entertainment!

Although Firefly Fiber Broadband does not create streaming services or video content, we provided the information below as a starting point to help you learn about the devices, apps, and streaming services available on the market from various sources and providers.

Hardware Devices

Smart phones, computers, and tablets offer immediate access to countless streaming apps, but did you know that devices like Roku, Amazon Fire Stick, and many others can enable most televisions to use streaming services? Here are a few options that could help connect household TVs to many streaming services:

- Roku • Amazon Fire Stick, Smart TVs (TVs able to have streaming apps built in and can connect to the internet) •
- Newer Gaming Consoles (PS4, Xbox1) • Computers • Tablets • smartphones

Local TV Channel Options

For those who would like to watch local channels, there are a few streaming options. Most of these require a subscription with the service provider. The links below contain additional details about the channels and packages available.

- DirecTV Now • YouTube TV • Fubo TV • Hulu with Live TV • PlayStation TV Vue • Sling TV

Most of these Over the Top providers carry the major satellite networks, such as AMC, CNN, ESPN and Nickelodeon. There are also options for viewing national broadcast networks, such as NBC, CBS, and Fox, as well as broadcast channels from local markets, such as Richmond, Charlottesville, and Washington DC. Where you live will determine which local channels are available. Click the CNET link below for more details.

[CNET - Local Channels Viewing Info](#)

Subscription Streaming Services

Amazon Prime Video (included with Prime membership)

Netflix

Hulu

HBO Now

Visit the Tech Hive link below for a more information on how streaming services compare.

[Tech Hive- Comparison of Streaming Services](#)

Suppose - TV Channel Availability Tool, Based on Home Address

Ad-Supported Free Streaming

Freedive

Xumo

Pluto TV

The Roku Channel

If you have any questions, just ask! You can email info@fireflyva.com
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